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GRAVEL QUARRY OPERATIONS MOLEST HOMES, COUNCIL TOLD

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Inquiry By Hall Ordered

Complaints that operations of a quarry and gravel pit adjacent to their property in Pacific Hills constitute a menace to their homes were voiced at the City Council meeting Tuesday night by a delegation from the newly developed area west of Crenshaw boulevard and south of Pacific Coast highway.

Residents said that trucks, a drag line and the quarry itself make such noises that they cannot even hear a telephone ring, and that the dust from the operations is a health menace.

The quarry, operated by Torrance Sand and Gravel Co., was installed, the delegation declared, after they had been told by the home developers that the hillside involved would be landscaped or held in its natural state.

The Council instructed City Attorney James Hall to investigate the matter to determine what steps can be taken to protect the home owners, and if possible prosecution might be possible for disturbing the peace.

Present at the meeting were Mrs. Madeline Farber, 3024 Winlock Road, Mrs. Margaret Cameron, 3040 Winlock Road, Miss Shirley Poulson, 3020 Winlock Road, Mrs. Lena Jones, 3020 Winlock Road, and Mrs. Ray Brubaker, 302 Winlock Road.

That the noise from the crane and drag line is so loud that one can't even hear the telephone ring or conversation at an ordinary pitch of voice, was charged by the residents.

Mrs. Farber said, "When I go out into the yard to call my children in the house, they can't even hear me. You have to shout to be heard even in talking in the house. It's nerve-racking."

The noise also interferes with sleep, they said. One resident said, "They start working between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. in the morning and our young children who need their sleep are awakened by the noise."

"We purchased our home out there because we wanted to live where it was nice and quiet. Mr. Senness told us that the hill was to be landscaped also—and this is the result."

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Longren Wins Right to Expand Plant

Lions Choose Queen for Broom Sale

Pretty Miss Dorothy Cates, of 20503 Elliott St., Torrance will reign as "Miss Broomette" on October 19 when the Torrance Lions Club sponsors their second annual "Brooms for the Blind" sale.

Miss Cates, who is employed at Strum's Department Store, was selected by the committee to rule during the one day sale.

All the proceeds from the sale of the brooms, which are made by blind persons, will go toward the purchase of glasses for those here who cannot afford to purchase their own.

From the \$300 proceeds of last year's sale, the Lions purchased glasses for 27 Torrance children who needed them and whose parents were unable to buy the glasses.

Headed by Dr. R. R. Smith, the "Brooms for the Blind" committee includes Alan Klatzker, Pete Radisich, Milt Isbell, Roy Peterson, and Louis Arbetter. All Lions will participate in the sale as well as the Lioness women.

RESIDENTS' PROTESTS OVER-RULED BY CITY

Despite petitions received by the Council from home owners and oral communications, the City Council approved Tuesday night the expansion plans of Longren Aircraft, 2576 Carson st. on the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

The variance of zone to allow for the expansion was only voted by the Council upon stringent conditions, among which were: No burning to be allowed on the property at any time; that off-street parking for company employees, totaling 40 to 50 automobiles, be provided along the easterly portion of the property adjacent to Date Ave., and that such area be hard-surfaced to prevent any excessive dust; that the Date and Elm Ave. frontages be beautified similar to that proposed along the Carson Street frontage, that all machinery be housed within building, and that the company install such additional sound-proofing as may be necessary to control excessive machine noises; that all improvements be completed within a period of 120 working days from the initial date of construction.

At the time the Council voted this measure, two petitions against the expansion had been filed, containing the names of about 70 home owners.

Broken Leg Suffered by Derby Entry

"Cold water" was thrown on the Kids Day festivities last Saturday, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club when 14-year-old Tommy Cook broke his left leg. Tommy's car went awry during the Soap Box Derby about 3:30 p.m. in the afternoon at Sepulveda boulevard on the hill west of Hawthorne Blvd.

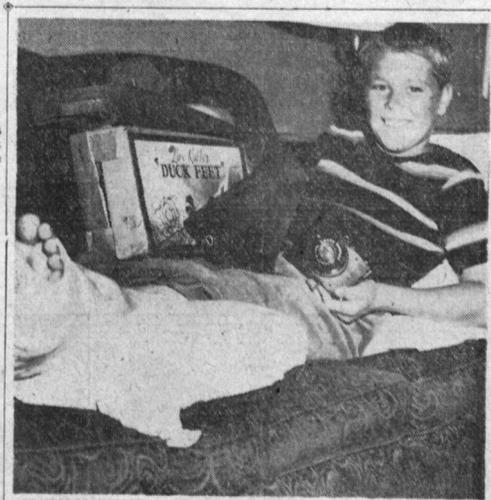
Tommy, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Cook, 2822 Gramercy ave., Kettler Knolls was racing in the second heat race when his car swerved, crossed the track, and hit a parked car across the street. His auto was completely demolished. Tommy was immediately taken to the Torrance Medical Center where his leg was set. He is now at home convalescing.

Winner of swim mask and fins, he was given a camera, as a sort of consolation prize. Tommy, who is in the eighth grade at Torrance Elementary School, was the only one in the "A" class of the Torrance boys who won an award at the recent national Soap Box Derby held at Pasadena.

DERBY WINNERS
The derby continued after the accident. Final winner to receive the Derby Trophy, donated by the Torrance Herald and a Longren-Wittnauer wrist watch, donated by Howards Jewelers and Paul's Chevrolet was Wallace Zeller. Runner-up Bobby Keith was also given baseball gloves as semi-final winners.

Heat winners of the first race won swim masks. They are: Tommy Alexander, Billy Gray, Ronald Johnson, Wallace Zeller, Tom Cook, Bobby Keith, Rusty Mearing, Jim Clouse, and Donald Hawks. Losers were given flash lights. Swim fins were awarded to Rusty Mearing, Wallace Zeller, and Tom Cook, second race heat winners. A time race was then held to determine the two fastest racers. Bob Keith and Ronald Johnson won the race in the semi-finals. About 45 boys

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CONVALESCING — Tommy Cook, 14 of 2822 Gramercy ave., Kettler Knolls won't forget Kid's Day, at least not the Soap Box Derby race held during last Saturday's Kid day by the Kiwanis Club at Sepulveda boulevard west of Hawthorne Blvd. Tommy was racing in the second heat race when his car swerved, crossed the track, hit a parked auto, and was completely demolished, leaving him with a broken leg. Tommy, however, looks pretty cheerful as he looks at the camera, swim fins and swim mask given to him by the Kiwanis for his participation in the event. —Torrance Press Photo.

New Dump Site Being Considered for City

The City Council is studying as a location for a new dump site for the City of Torrance a site in the western section of Torrance, near General Petroleum Corporation presently zoned for industrial uses, according to City Manager George Stevens.

Stevens said that \$15,000 had been earmarked in the city budget for a dump site and that the city is looking for a site upon which it later can build an incinerator. He said that the Standard Oil dump in southwest Torrance had been considered but that the city was unable to purchase or lease that particular site.

Stevens also mentioned as a future possibility that all dumping might be taken care of by the Los Angeles County Sanitation District, which would take the burden off the shoulders of the several local city governments.

RESIDENTS COMPLAIN
Residents near the present city dump at Plaza del Amo and Western avenues have charged on several occasions to the city council, supported directly only by Councilman Nick Drae, that the near proximity of the dump to their homes is a health men-

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Torrance School Enrollment 5,779

As enrollment figures for the Torrance Unified School District "settle down" after the first week of school, it was shown that a total of 5779 students have enrolled here as of Monday of this week. This is an increase of 171 students as of the second day of school last week and an increase of 1261 over those enrolled the start of the second week of the 1950 fall semester, according to figures released by Warren Hamilton, director of special services.

Greatest increase in enrollment appears on the kindergarten level, where the number of students enrolled this year almost doubles last year's total. As of Monday of this week, 840 kindergarten students were enrolled with only 429 registered at the same time last year.

Comparative enrollment for each school as of the beginning of the second week of school is as follows:

Crenshaw	158
El Nido	146
Fern Ave.	670
Greenwood	352
North Torrance	454
Perry	465
Seaside	570
Torrance	1047
Walteria	411
High School	884

As is noticeable in the figures, the Crenshaw, El Nido, and Greenwood schools are being used for the first time by the school district this semester. The Greenwood is a new school and the other two are remodeled bungalow schools.

City Okays 520 Home Tract Map

A tract map for 520 homes to be built here was approved by the City Council Tuesday night. The homes, which will be located south of Sepulveda Blvd., east of the westerly city limits of Torrance north of the Seaside Ranchos District, are to be constructed by Bowles and Company.

The map was approved upon condition that the subdivider construct, curbs, gutters, sidewalks and paving in accordance with the city's Subdivision Ordinance, and upon approval of the water system layout by the City Water Department.

According to City Engineer Jacob Joseph, it is possible to serve the majority of these lots by a sanitary sewer system flowing to the sewage pump located at the westerly side of Seaside Ranchos.

A few lots may have to be served by cesspools and septic tanks for sewage disposal until such time that a trunk line is constructed to serve the tracts to the east of this project.

Joseph also said that it is necessary that a sump be created to allow for drainage runoff for a portion of this tract.

Notice to New Residents

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Press Report Gets Action on Western

Due to an article reported exclusively in the Torrance Press last week, investigation of the "crazy quilt" patching of Western ave. is being undertaken by the office of the City Engineer of Los Angeles, according to H. C. Rothwell, a deputy engineer.

It was disclosed by a Torrance Press reporter upon complaints by residents, that the year-old highway has been patched in 203 different places since it was paved, resurfaced and opened from Pacific Coast Highway to 182nd street.

Rothwell said that he thought the reason for all the patch-up work on Western Ave. might be, that the sub-grade was not thoroughly dry when the top layer was put on.

Upon informing City Engineer Aldrich of this condition, before the article appeared in the Press, he said that he would investigate the situation, unless asked to do so in a written request by a Los Angeles Angeles taxpayer.

The city of Los Angeles awarded the bids for the paving of Western Ave. with the Torrance City Council's okay and monetary appropriation for the work.

Blood Donors Needed; Unit Here Today

Torrance residents are urged to "do their bit for their fellow man" by donating their blood so that others may live.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Torrance Civic Auditorium from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. today, announced Mrs. Clifford Easley, blood recruitment chairman.

Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall made the following nationwide radio and TV broadcast on Sept. 10: "I appeal to you for your support in this matter of such great and immediate importance. I appeal to your generosity and nobility of spirit. One of the most important reasons for the reductions in our military death rates has been the availability of both plasma at the battlefield, and whole blood, in the hospitals, to replace the blood lost by our wounded; to reduce the shock effect of the wound; and to provide the necessary benefits which will return these men to good health."

For an appointment telephone now at Torrance 3447 or 3448. Mrs. Clifford Easley and the entire staff of Torrance Branch, American National Red Cross will be on hand to serve you.

Harbor Area Wins Red Feather Trophy

Torrance City Chairman Jack Dabbs and his volunteer Community Chest leaders received a pat on the back yesterday from Harbor Area Chairman Noble Waite for their part in bringing the Valentine trophy to the Harbor.

The Valentine trophy was presented to the Harbor last week for leading the Los Angeles area in organization of volunteers. The Harbor reported 96.6 per cent of its organization signed up by the contest closing date of Sept. 15, a substantial lead over second place San Fernando Valley, which had 89.1 per cent.

This is the first time the Harbor has won the award since it was donated to the Chest by Edward R. Valentine more than a year ago.

ANOTHER DEADLINE
While Dabbs was proud of Torrance's contribution to the Harbor area's triumph, he also warned that another deadline will be coming up Sept. 28, and that Torrance would have to buckle down to do its share in keeping the trophy here.

"We need a lot more volunteers," (Continued on Page Four)

Free Chest X-Rays Given Here Oct. 1

"While many people received chest x-rays last year when the mass x-ray survey was in progress, it is a good health practice to have a chest x-ray annually," Dr. Roy O. Gilbert, County Health Officer said in discussing the free chest x-ray program in the Torrance Health District, starting Oct. 1.

Schedules for Torrance and Gardena are as follows: Monday, (Continued on Page Four)

1/2 Million Dollar Market Breaks Ground Here

A Jim Dandy Market is coming to town, right at the corner of Torrance and Crenshaw boulevards.

It was a modern groundbreaking last Thursday, Sept. 20, when a tractor started earth flying for the construction of the one-half million dollar Jim Dandy market. Lester Weisz, vice-president of the Jim Dandy Markets, was in charge of the ceremonies.

A real shopping center will be established at the corner with four or five additional shops besides the market. Parking for 350 cars will be provided on the front of the lot, with the market being placed on the rear. Architects planned the shopping center this way to make it easier for drivers to "park and shop."

TORRANCE SELECTED
In choosing Torrance to be a site for this one-half million dollar investment, Weisz gave three

reasons: "We've been watching the growth of Torrance for several years and feel that this city has great potentialities for development. It is one of the few areas where people work and live in the same community, which contributes to the stability of an area."

He also pointed out, "As the Jim Dandy Markets specialize in giving their customers fresh produce, getting it to the local markets the same day it is bought from the producer, we have kept in mind the close locations of the Redondo Beach Market on 101 highway, soon to

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A JIM DANDY DAY—That's what last Thursday proved to be when a tractor started digging earth at the corner of Torrance and Crenshaw boulevards in preparation for the 1/2-million dollar Jim Dandy Market and shopping center being constructed there. Lester Weisz (right), vice-president of the Jim Dandy Markets, his wife, Mildred, examine a sketch of the market with Marvin Wagner, building contractor, President of the firm, Jack Kennedy, was unable to attend the groundbreaking. —Torrance Press Photo.